

HUD Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program: Strategies for Success

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Webinar Agenda

- I. Advancing *Opening Doors*
- II. Overview of the Youth Homelessness Planning Demonstration (YHPD)
- III. Coordinated Community Plan Principles
- IV. Rating Factors
- V. Project Requirements
- VI. Tips for Success
- VII. Question and Answer Session



Webinar Format

- The webinar will last 90 minutes
- Approximately 30 minutes have been reserved at the end of the webinar for a Question and Answer session with the panelists
- Audience members who would like to ask a question can do so any time through the “Question” function found in the GoToWebinar toolbar
 - For answers to more specific questions about the NOFA visit: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/yhdp/>
- This webinar will be recorded and posted to usich.gov



Advancing *Opening Doors*

No one should experience homelessness and no one should be without a safe, stable place to call home.



Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness

- Prevent and end homelessness among **Veterans** in 2015
- Finish the job of ending **chronic homelessness** in 2017
- Prevent and end homelessness for **families with children and youth** in 2020
- Set a path to **ending all types** of homelessness



Preventing and Ending Youth Homelessness: Two Strategic Action Areas

- **#1 - Build the foundation for a coordinated and comprehensive community response**
- **#2 – Build the capacity of local communities to implement the components of a coordinated and comprehensive community response**

Learn more: [Coordinated Community Response to Youth Homelessness](#)

Preventing and Ending Youth Homelessness *A Coordinated Community Response*



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In *Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness*, we set a national goal to prevent and end youth homelessness in 2020. To get there, it will take all of us—government, non-profits, business, and philanthropy—to make sure every community has the capacity to achieve the goal.

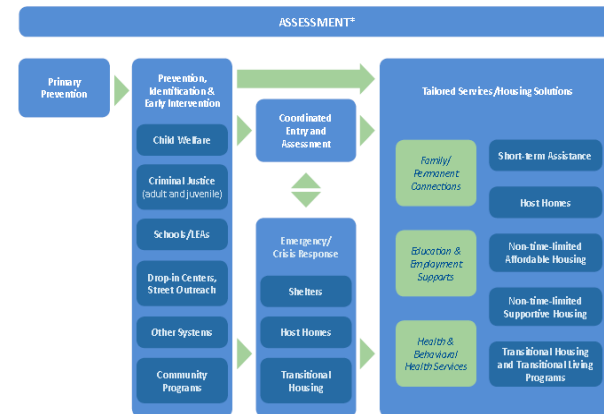
Our understanding of the scope and dynamics of youth homelessness is growing. While we continue to learn more every day, we must act now to build the comprehensive and coordinated response that young people need to end their homelessness forever.

This document provides a preliminary vision for such a response. It draws upon what we know works to end homelessness for other populations, along with strategies that support the unique needs of unaccompanied youth and young adults under 25.

We hope you'll use this document to advance discussions in your communities and build upon the work already underway. To receive additional tools and resources that will be developed to support the implementation of this response, [sign up for our newsletter](#).

Our Preliminary Vision for a Community Response

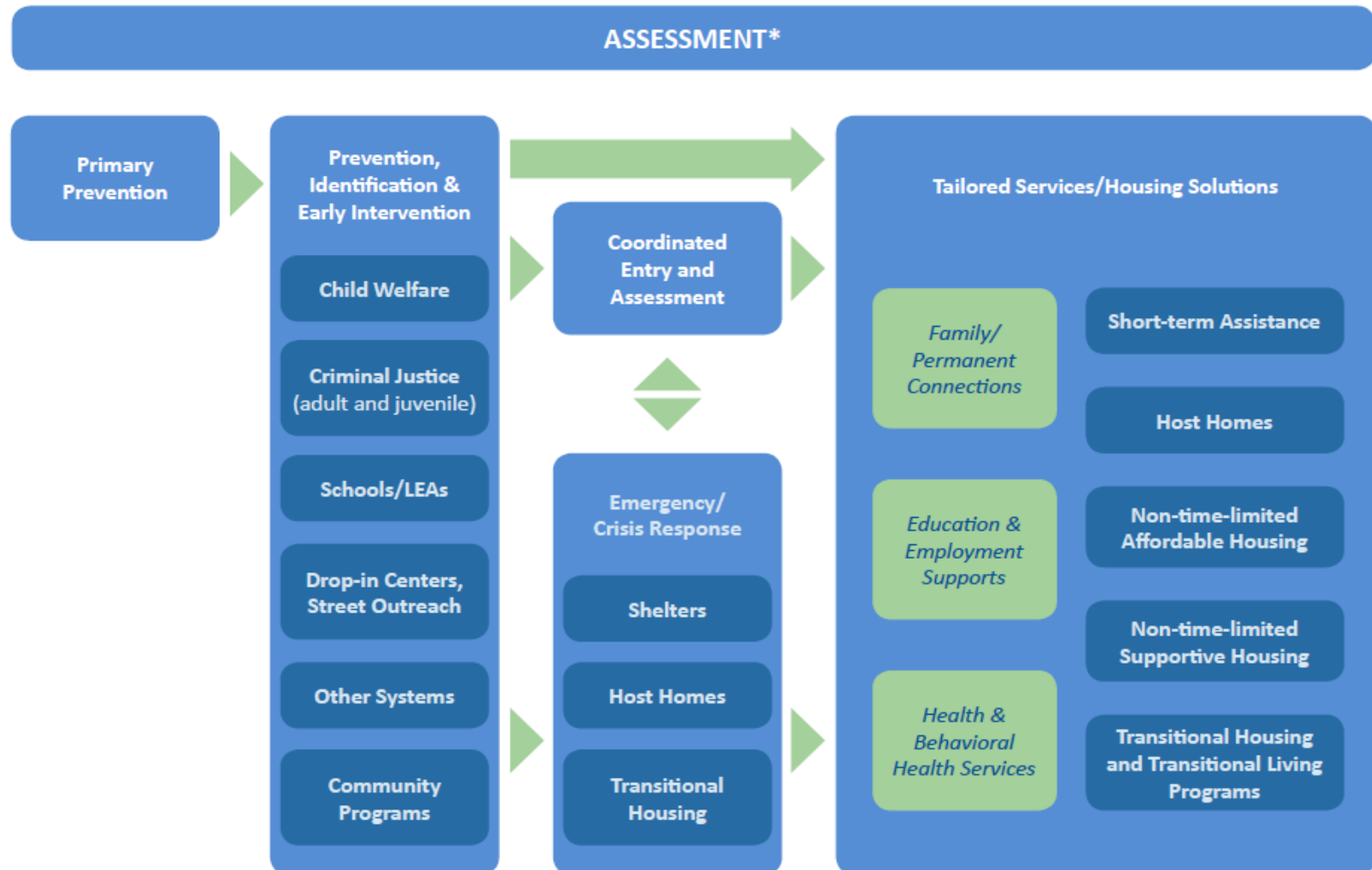
The Interagency Working Group on Ending Youth Homelessness has developed a shared vision for the community response that will be necessary to prevent and end youth homelessness, illustrated here and described in more detail below.



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Vision for Coordinated and Comprehensive Community Response



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YHDP Objectives

1. Build National Momentum
2. Evaluate the Coordinated Community Approach
3. Expand Capacity
4. Evaluate Performance Measures
5. Establish a Framework for Federal Program and TA Collaboration



Overview of the Competition

Applicants:

- This is a competitive **Notice of Funding Availability** (NOFA).
- HUD will select **10 communities**, 4 will be rural.
- Project funding is for a **2-year grant term**, and generally will be renewable through the CoC program competition thereafter.
- **Deadline** is November 30, 2016 (11:59:59 pm ET).
- Submitted electronically to: **Grants.gov**.
- Only **CoC Collaborative Applicants** can apply.
- The 10 selected communities will be announced in **early 2017**.



Overview of the Competition

After Award, Selected Communities:

- Find out their **award amount** (minimum of \$1 million)
- Develop and implement a **coordinated community plan**.
- **Submit project applications** for up to **30% of total award amount** before approval of their coordinated community plan.
- **Submit project applications** reflective of the coordinated community plan for the **balance of their award amount**.
- Receive **TA support**.



Key Threshold Requirements

In addition to the requirement to demonstrate good stewardship of federal grants, the YHDP NOFA requires:

1. The applicant to be the COC Collaborative Applicant
2. A Youth Advisory Board with meaningful participation in determining priorities and implementation of YHDP
3. The child welfare agency to be a CoC member, with an MOU demonstrating proof of commitment to and participation in YHDP



Program Requirements

1. Identifying a Target Community Area
2. Develop a Coordinated Community Plan
 - Statement of need
 - List of partners
 - Shared vision, list of goals, objectives, action steps
 - List of new projects to be funded
 - Governance structure
 - Performance Measures
 - Plan for quality improvements
 - Signature page of representatives:
 - The COC
 - Public child welfare agency
 - Local government agency
 - Youth advisory board



Principles That Must Be Incorporated Into Your Plan

1. USICH Youth Framework and the four core outcomes

- Stable housing
- Permanent connections
- Education/Employment
- Social-emotional well-being

Helpful Resources:

- [Framework to End Youth Homelessness](#)
- [Preventing and Ending Youth Homelessness: A Coordinated Community Response](#)

2. Addressing Special Populations

- Identification methods
- Infrastructure considerations
- Housing and service delivery

Helpful Resources:

- [Youth Homelessness Community Planning Toolkit](#)



Principles Cont'd

3. Positive Youth Development (PYD) and Trauma Informed Care (TIC)

- Incorporate PYD and TIC into youth crisis response system

Helpful Resources:

- [Youth Homelessness Community Planning Toolkit](#)
- [Trauma Informed Care with RHY](#)

4. Family Engagement

- Partnerships with child welfare, schools, youth providers
- Strengthen, stabilize, reunify
- Family counseling, conflict resolution, parenting supports, relative or kinship caregiver resources, substance abuse and mental health treatment

Helpful Resources:

- [Screening and Assessment Tools for Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs](#)
- [Ending Youth Homelessness Guidebook Series: Promising Program Models](#)



Principles Cont'd

5. Immediate Access to Housing, No Preconditions

- Rapid access to safe, secure, and stable housing
- Remove barriers and offer all youth access to help instead of ensuring they are "ready"

Helpful Resources:

- [Housing First Checklist: Tool for Assessing Housing First in Practice](#)
- [Core Principles of Housing First and Rapid Re-Housing](#)

6. Youth Choice

- Youth self-determination
- Values youths' expressed needs, self-awareness, and community knowledge
- Choice in terms of housing and extent and nature of support services

Helpful Resources:

- [Ending Youth Homelessness Guidebook Series: System Planning](#)
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Principles Cont'd

7. Individualized and Client Driven Supports

- Responding to individual differences to serve youth appropriately
- System flexibility to accommodate low and high need youth

Helpful Resources:

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8. Social and Community Integration

- Successful transitions into adulthood
- Positive contributing community member
- Provide positive social engagement



Principles Cont'd

9. Coordinated Entry

- Standardized access to the community's homeless service system
- Standardized screening and assessment
- Standardized Prioritization
- Accurate, research informed placements with low barriers to housing
- Coordinated referral
- Developed with full participation of all stakeholders

Helpful Resources:

- [Youth Specific FAQs for Coordinated Entry](#)
- [Coordinated Entry Policy Brief](#)
- [Coordinated Entry and HMIS](#)



Rating Factors

- Leadership Capacity – 20 points
- Current Resource Capacity – 5 points
- Community Need – 10 Points
- Capacity for Innovation – 15 Points
- Collaboration – 20 Points
- Financial Resources – 10 Points
- Data and Evaluation Capacity – 20 Points

****Bonus Points – NOT AVAILABLE**



Appendix A: Program Project Requirements

- Projects may apply for:
 - Planning Grants
 - Program Components:
 - Permanent Housing (PSH and RRH)
 - Transitional Housing
 - HMIS
 - Supportive Services Only
 - Innovative projects or activities



Appendix A: Program Project Requirements, Cont.

- Innovative projects that are fundable without a waiver:
 - Host Homes/kinship care, paying the family for other costs, like food
 - Shared Housing
- Innovative projects that are fundable with a regulatory waiver, renewable:
 - Rapid Rehousing 2.0 (master leasing, rental assistance and leasing in the same project, etc.)
 - TAY Rental Assistance- assistance up to age 25, retaining eligibility from initial assessment throughout
 - Increased Security Deposits
 - Post-TH Assistance- security deposits and first and last months rent
- Innovative projects that are fundable with a statutory waiver, not renewable:
 - Host Homes/kinship care, paying the family for utility costs



Appendix B: Waiver Requirements

This section of the NOFA describes the process for submitting waivers as necessary to carry out the innovative project ideas described in Appendix A.



Strategies for Success

- Read the NOFA carefully
- Adhere to principles in the YHDP NOFA
- Reach out to partners early
- Utilize your Youth Advisory Board
- Be innovative!

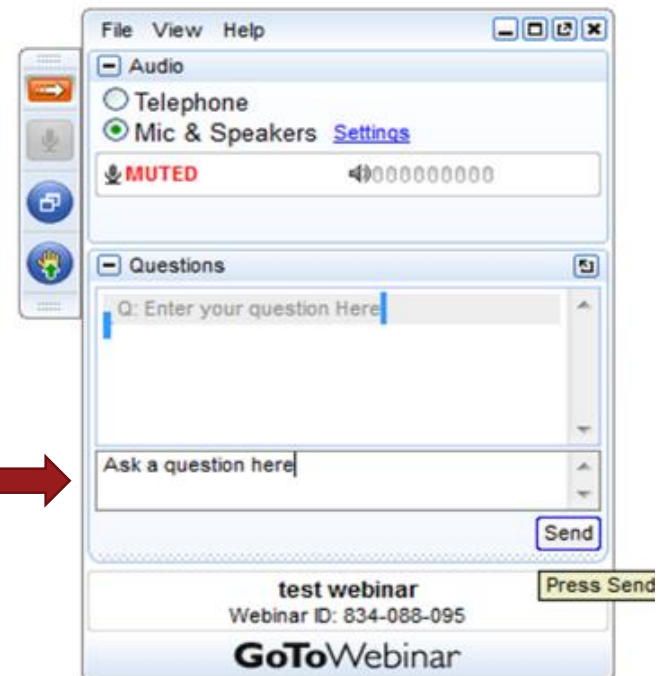


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